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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2007, and is accompanied by a Petition (made via the EFS-Web), as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action. The deadline for response is therefore moved from October 13, 2007 to January 14, 2008 (January 13<sup>th</sup> fell on a Sunday). A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement also accompanies this response.